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Dear Mr. Kellenberger:

In 1984, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the San Fernando Superfund sites, Areas 1-4, for the National Priorities List, which identifies targets for remedial action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). See 42 U.S.C. §9601 et. seq. Enclosed is EPA's San Fernando Fact Sheet #1 which gives more information. EPA has determined that a release of hazardous substances (as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA) has occurred at the San Fernando Superfund sites, Areas 1-4.

EPA is spending public funds to investigate and take corrective action for the control of actual and threatened releases of contaminants and hazardous substances at the San Fernando Valley Superfund sites, Areas 1-4, Los Angeles County, California. Unless EPA determines that a responsible party will properly perform the investigation and cleanup, EPA will do the work pursuant to CERCLA.

Preliminary investigations have shown that hazardous substances including trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) are contaminating the ground water at the sites. As a result of the release of the hazardous substances, the public health is threatened, since the contamination has migrated to public drinking water wells which supply drinking water to 500,000 residents in the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles area.

Under Sections 106(a) of CERCLA, responsible parties may be obligated to take actions that EPA determines are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment. See 42 U.S.C. §9606(a). Responsible parties are liable for all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or

threatened release at the site. Such costs can include, but are not limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, cleanup of the site, and enforcement. Responsible parties under CERCLA include current and past owners and operators, as well as persons who generated the hazardous substances or were involved in the transport, treatment, or disposal of them. See 42 U.S.C. §9607. EPA has information which indicates that your company may be a responsible party.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), under a Cooperative Agreement with EPA, is conducting the following activities at the San Fernando Superfund sites:

1. A remedial investigation (RI) to identify the local hydrogeological characteristics and to define the nature and extent of soil and ground water contamination at the sites.
2. For Area 1, construction of an operable unit that includes a ground water collection and conveyance system of shallow ground water extraction wells and collector pipeline, and an aeration facility with carbon air filtering units to treat TCE and PCE to state and federal action levels.
3. An operable unit feasibility study (OUFS) to develop and study alternatives for cleanup for the City of Burbank located in Area 1.

This letter notifies you that you may be potentially liable under Section 107 of CERCLA for the ground water contamination at the San Fernando Superfund sites, Areas 1 and 2. See 42 U.S.C. §9607. You may receive "special notice" pursuant to CERCLA §122 at a later date, at which time you will be given the opportunity to take part in negotiations regarding the conduct of investigations and remedial actions at the sites. See 42 U.S.C. §9622. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:

1. Construction of the cleanup remedy selected by EPA for the City of Burbank after the OUFS is completed.
2. The overall feasibility study (FS) to evaluate possible remedial actions to contain hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants in the four areas.
3. Future operable unit feasibility studies in Areas 1 and 2.
4. The design and implementation of the EPA approved remedial action for Areas 1 and 2.
5. Provision of any monitoring and maintenance necessary after remedial measures are completed.

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EPA would like to encourage good faith discussions and negotiations between you and the Agency, and among you and other parties potentially responsible for the contamination at the San Fernando Valley site. EPA will hold an informational meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 1988 at:

City of Burbank City Hall
Council Chambers
275 East Olive Ave
Burbank, CA 91502

All potentially responsible parties in the Burbank OUFS area that have been identified by EPA at this time have been invited. At this meeting, you will be provided technical information regarding the cleanup process at CERCLA sites as well as more site-specific information associated with the Burbank Operable Unit.

Enclosed are the names of the other potentially responsible parties who received Notice Letters. It is hoped that you will engage in meaningful discussions with these parties regarding cleanup efforts and quickly organize yourselves into a single representative body. Also enclosed for your information is a list of potentially responsible parties who received only invitational letters to the above mentioned meeting.

You are requested to notify EPA, in writing by September 9, 1988 whether you plan to attend the September 13 meeting. If EPA does not hear from you, we will assume that you decline any involvement in the San Fernando site and the Agency will proceed with negotiations with the other potentially responsible parties. EPA may later attempt to recover from your company the cost of the RI/FS and final remedial action, the Operable Units in Areas 1 and 2 as well as require you to undertake the design and implementation of the selected remedy upon the completion of the RI/FS for Areas 1 and 2.

Your letter should indicate the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate contact person for your company. Please forward your response to:

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If you have any technical questions regarding this letter, please contact Alisa Greene or Patti Cleary of my staff at (415) 974- 8159 or (415)974- 8015, respectively. Any legal questions should be referred to Jon Wactor, of the Office of Regional Counsel, at (415) 974-8042.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosures, with attachments

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GENERAL NOTICE MAILING LIST
FOR SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AREAS 1 AND 2
AS OF AUGUST 24, 1988

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